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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 - there may be more space than you need.
- Dictionaries may be used.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 25.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 - use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.





SECTION A

Read Text A and answer questions 1–6.

Text A

You are looking for information about holiday destinations on the internet and find this article.

Fewer British people holiday abroad

Millions of British people are abandoning foreign holidays for the first time since the 1970s, according to official figures.

The number of foreign holidays in 2009 fell by 15% as many families chose holidays at home (staycations) because of the grim economic conditions.

This sharp decline goes against four decades of increasing foreign travel sparked by the rise of the package holiday in the 1970s and a more recent boom in the popularity of exotic destinations.



A report published by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) for 2009 shows that fewer British people are choosing to holiday abroad. Visits to Mexico are down by 41%, New Zealand 30% and Canada 26%. Summer holiday favourites, Spain and France, also saw fewer British visitors, with total trips falling by 19% and 10% respectively.

The British tourism industry is well placed to benefit from the rise of the 'staycation' with British resorts offering many attractions for families wanting to pay less for their holidays.

British businesses also cashed in as leisure trips to the UK by overseas visitors rose by 0.5 million in 2009. Edinburgh saw an extra 133,000 visitors, while Cambridge had an additional 18,000 visitors.

Roger Smith, who compiled the 2009 report for the ONS, described the decline in foreign holidays as "striking", adding that until now "the long term trend has been an increase in foreign travel".

According to the report, fewer people are travelling abroad because they are worried about the economy and they get less for their money abroad. Badly hit by the recession, business travel fell by 23% last year. These are some of the reasons mentioned in the report for fewer British people visiting other countries.

(Source: adapted from 'Cash strapped Britons desert foreign holidays for 'staycations', Matthew Moore copyright Telegraph Media Group Limited 2010)

You do	not need to write in sentences.
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	er questions 2 and 3 with a cross in the box \boxtimes you think is correct. If you change r mind about an answer, put a line through the box \boxtimes and then mark your new answer with a cross \boxtimes .
Accordi	ng to Text A, by what percentage (%) did British business travel decline in 2009?
⊠ A	15%
⊠ B	19%
⊠ C	23%
⊠ D	26%
	(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)
Accord	ing to Text A, which one of the following statements is true?
⊠ A	In 2009 an additional one million overseas holiday makers visited the UK.
⊠ B	In 2009 Spain experienced a 10% drop in visitor numbers from the UK.
⊠ C	In 2009 visits to New Zealand dropped by 30%.
⊠ D	In 2009 Edinburgh saw an additional eighteen thousand overseas visitors.
	(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

4	Using the information in Text A, give two reasons why there was a decline	in the	
	number of overseas trips taken by British people in 2009.		
	You do not need to write in sentences.		
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	(Total for Question	n 4 = 2 ma	rks)
5	Place a tick in the correct column for each of the six statements to show which are presented in the article as facts and which are presented as opinions.		
		Fact	Opinion
	The number of foreign holidays in 2009 fell by 15%.		
	British resorts offer many attractions for families wanting to pay less for their holidays.		
	The British tourism industry is well placed to benefit from the rise of the British 'staycation'.		
	Business travel fell by 23% last year.		
	The decline in overseas trips taken by British people in 2009 is striking.		
	Mexico saw a 41% drop in British visitors.		
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6	Text A claims that 'Millions of British people are abandoning foreign holidays'.
	From your reading of Text A, give two examples to show how this text might be biased.
	You do not need to write in sentences.
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_	(Total for Question 6 = 2 marks)
_	TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 10 MARKS

SECTION B

Read Text B and answer questions 7–11.

Text B

You find this article about a camping trip.

Planning a festival camping trip in the UK this summer? Yes? Then read on!

Things to Bring (and what not to bring)

There are some who see camping sites as an opportunity for rich pickings so only bring with you what you can afford to lose. There is no way to make a tent secure from thieves.

You should travel as light as possible but take some warm and waterproof clothing with you and a pair of appropriate shoes. Remember to take sun cream and wet wipes (boring but practical!).

A torch is essential. It will be virtually impossible to spot your tent at night without a torch.

Bring only the bank cards you need and leave a note of the card numbers at home to make cancellation easier should they be lost or stolen. Only take the keys you're likely to be using and remember to bring along any vital medication.

Making Camp

Accept the fact that you are not likely to get much sleep but if you want a quieter area to pitch your tent, ask the stewards.

Thousands of tents are pitched closely together. You need to establish some geographical points near your tent to help you find it. Attach a brightly coloured flag to make your tent stand out from the crowd.

Make an effort to get to know people camping nearby. It can help in building a community feeling and can add to your sense of security as well as adding to the whole festival experience.

A common mistake is to put a padlock on your tent when you are out and about. This is pointless and may just alert thieves that you have stuff worth taking. Most festival sites have property lock-up facilities which you can rent for a small charge.

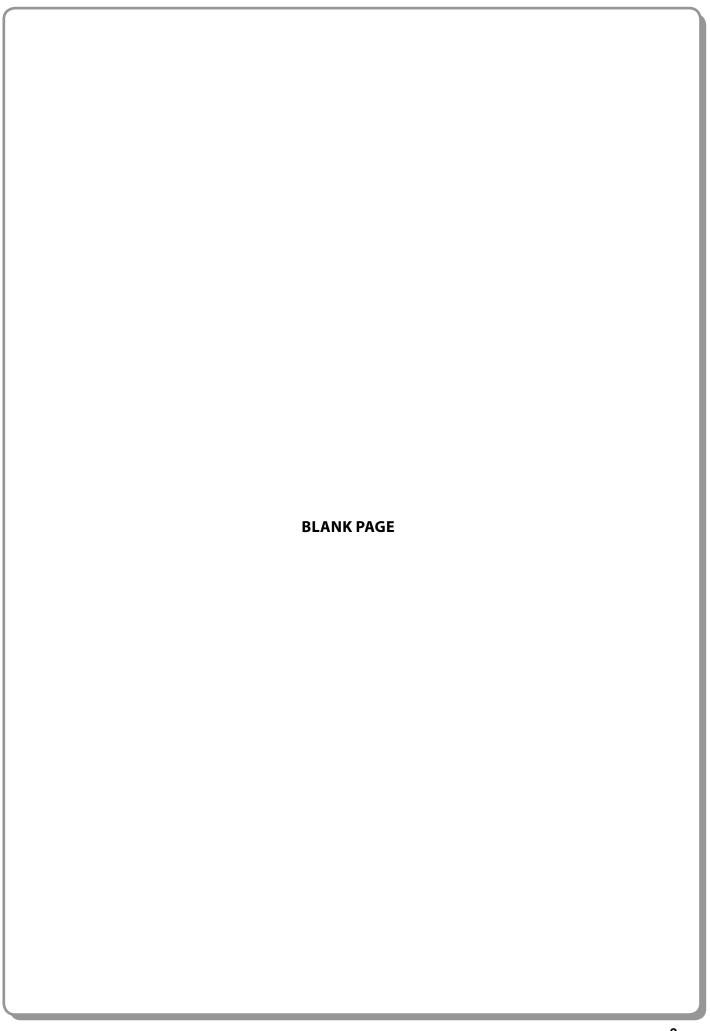
(Source: adapted from www.campingexpert.co.uk, copyright Camping Expert 2000-2010)



	What is the main purpose of Text B?
	You do not need to write in sentences.
_	(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark
	Give three features of Text B that help to convey information.
	You do not need to write in sentences
	(Total for Question 8 = 3 marks
	List two actions that will help you to avoid becoming a victim of theft when camping at a festival, according to Text B.
	You do not need to write in sentences.

10	According to Text B, what can you do to help locate your tent when camping on crowded festival sites?		
	You do not need to write in sentences.		
	(Total for Question 10 = 1 mark)		
11	Your friend is planning a festival camping trip. Which three pieces of advice, from Text B, do you think are the most important for them to remember?		
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	(Total for Question 11 = 3 marks)		

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 10 MARKS





SECTION C

Read Text C and answer questions 12–14.

Text C

You are interested in self-catering holidays in the Lake District and find the following sites advertised.

Camping Pods at Eskdale Camping and Caravanning Club Site



ADVERT 1

Open 1st March 2011 to 14th January 2012

The site offers ten camping pods carefully designed to blend into this stunning but secluded Lakeland location, which is popular with walkers. Pods are fully heated with electric lighting. Pets are welcome. (Not suitable for under sixteens.)

Cost: £40 per night per pod (each pod sleeps up to 4 people).

Windermere Camping and Caravanning Club Site



ADVERT 2

A family-friendly site, which caters for all ages, set in the Lake District National Park just 5 minutes walk from the town of Windermere. The site boasts excellent facilities including a bar/restaurant, TV room, children's play area and exercise area dedicated to dogs.

Prices from £5 per person per night low season (£8.10 per person per night during high season). Site open 14st March 2011 to 14th February 2012.

Troutbank Camping and Caravanning Club Site Open 5th March 2011 to 5th November 2011



ADVERT 3

Situated in stunning countryside, the park offers family-sized accommodation in the form of well-equipped static caravans, with TV, DVD, cooker & fridge. Caravans will sleep up to six people in comfort.

Prices start at £300 per week in low season (sorry, no pets allowed).

(Site information from www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk, Copyright The Camping and Caravan Club 2010)



	Your friend is looking for accommodation for a two-night walking holiday for three people leaving on March 2 nd . Which of the three sites in Text C should they choose? You do not need to write in sentences.
	(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)
3	A family friend with two young children is also interested in booking a holiday in the Lake District. They will be taking the family dog. Which of the three sites in Text C would you recommend? You do not need to write in sentences.

Question 14 begins on the next page.

14	You are looking to book a holiday for yourself with friends or family. You are free to go at any time of year. Which site would you choose and why?
	Give three reasons.
	Remember to give the number of the advert in your answer.
	You do not need to write in sentences.
	Number of Advert
	Reason 1
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	(Total for Question 14 = 3 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 5 MARKS TOTAL FOR PAPER = 25 MARKS